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EDITORIAL

A NEWSPAPER LEGEND

A newspaper which carries on its front page, every day, the legend, "It Will Help Alberta the Alberta is for It," has been publishing a series of garbled reports of Wheat Pool meetings.

The vast majority of the people of this Province of all classes, including the business men of the cities, have long been convinced that the Wheat Pool, which helps the basic industry, has thereby helped Alberta and will continue to "help Alberta" in the future. The Pool has only one group of enemies—the small group whose motive for attacking it is obvious, and who alone could profit by the dissemination of garbled "news" of the Pool.

Does the *Albertan* expect its readers to believe that by the publication of such "news" reports, which have all the appearance of malicious anti-Pool propaganda, it is "helping Alberta"?

SHOULD CANADIANS RECEIVE EQUAL CONSIDERATION?

According to a recently announced plan for the migration of British youths to Canada, large sums of money are to be advanced in equal amounts from the Canadian and British treasuries by way of loans to enable these youths to purchase farms. The money is to be paid back over a term of years.

While there is no class of settler more welcome in Canada than the British, and while the proposed plan of settlement should receive careful critical examination, the announcement has inevitably called forth the question: Should not Canadian youths, whether they be the sons of farmers who desire to get farms of their own, or city-bred boys who wish to take up farming, receive at least as much encouragement from the Canadian Government as newcomers? Canada has been losing many of her own sons by emigration to the United States. They have gone because they have believed that by crossing the border they might meet with superior opportunities. Many of them are ill-fitted for farming life in Canada;

many are the sons of farmers. If money from the Canadian treasury is to be spent in assisting young men to establish themselves as farmers, is there any sound reason why Canadians should not receive as generous assistance from the Dominion as is offered even to a most desirable class of settlers from overseas?

In the death of Malcolm D. Geddes, Vice-President and Editor of the *Form and Ranch Review*, Alberta and the West as a whole lost a splendid citizen. Mr. Geddes' activities for many years past have centered in agricultural journalism. He possessed uncommon ability in his own field, and was especially expert in livestock, in which for many years he was much in demand as a judge. In his discussion of public questions in the press he was well-informed and uniformly fair. We believe that all who had even the slightest acquaintance with him learned of his death with the most sincere personal regret. Modest and kindly, he possessed a strength of personality which his natural unobtrusiveness could not mask. He rendered real and lasting service to his country and Province.

THE EDMONTON JOURNAL ON CAMPAIGN EXPENSES

The *Edmonton Journal*, which is a Conservative newspaper paid a high tribute in a recent issue to the organized Farmers of this Province, who, it declared, "have led the way to a very imperative political reform."

Under the heading "Large Funds not Required," the *Journal* stated editorially:

"The question of campaign expenses is again being debated in the East. The need of keeping them down and thus preserving a party from entanglements with those looking for favors from it in case of its return to power is freely recognized. One newspaper cites an admission by a Liberal candidate who won a Montreal seat in 1921 that his victory cost him \$45,000. It contends that is no excuse for such an expenditure, but goes on to say that 'no candidate can run for parliament in any riding in Canada without spending at least \$2,000.'"

"This statement is challenged in the current issue of *The U.F.A.* It has taken the trouble to secure the returns of the election expenses incurred by U.F.A. candidates in eleven of the twelve seats that that organization contested last autumn. The average outlay, it finds, was \$771.40. In ten constituencies in 1925 the average was \$728.82.

"The organized farmers discovered that there is only one way, it adds, of making the large party funds derived from interested but unscrupulous sources ineffective. That way is to provide their own funds to finance their own candidates, to elect men whom they control, for the purpose of carrying out their own policies, and that, as experience has shown, is the cheapest as well as the only efficient way."

"That it is efficient has been demonstrated by the electoral success that the U.F.A. has had. The smallness of the funds that it required is all the more remarkable because the Alberta ridings cover much larger territories than most of those in the Dominion. In showing what can be done at little cost, the farmers' movement in this Province has led the way to a very imperative political reform. Credit for what it has accomplished in this connection has already been given it more than once in these columns. The information that *The U.F.A.* supplies should receive a wide circulation."

SACCO AND VANTINI

A number of Canadian daily newspapers of various shades of opinion have joined with such papers as the *New York World*, the *Scripps-McRae* papers and the *British Manchester Guardian* and various others, in expressing sympathy with

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Alberta Government in Detailed Memorandum Deals With Resolutions of U.F.A. Annual Convention

Official Replies Are Given in Respect to Forty-three Resolutions on Provincial Affairs Passed by Convention of January, 1937.

1. Personal Sureties. Opposing the restoration of the personal covenant in mortgage legislation.

Reply. No legislation was passed at the last session affecting the personal covenant in mortgage legislation.

2. Amendment Municipal Act. Asking amendment to the Municipal Act making the penalty date January 1st instead of December 15th.

Reply. The present penalty date, December 15th, was arrived at after recommendations by the convention of Rural Municipalities. The Government felt that before any further change was made in dates this same convention should have a further opportunity of considering the matter. It is being referred to the executive for consideration at the next Rural Municipal Convention.

3. Debt Adjustment Act. Recommending that the entire Province be brought under the Debt Adjustment Act.

Reply. The Government gave careful consideration to this Act during the last session, but in view of the important considerations involved in this recommendation, particularly those affecting the credit of the Province, it was finally decided to leave the matter over for further consideration. This Act is being studied by the Government this year, and legislation will be brought down at the next session.

4. Caveats, Judgments, Liens. Asking that persons placing caveats, judgments, or liens on land be required to notify the owner by registered letter, and that when a mistake has been made in the description of the land the caveat or judgment be removed without cost to the owner.

Reply. Legislation was passed at the last session, which we believe will go very far to overcome the difficulty complained of in this resolution.

5. Expenses of Criminal Actions. Recommending that the Crown pay all expenses of defendants in criminal actions where such defendants are not convicted.

Reply. It is a fundamental principle of criminal law that any person feeling himself injured can prefer a charge. After the charge has been laid and the preliminary evidence heard, the Attorney General has the power to stay proceedings if it is felt there is not sufficient evidence to establish a *prima facie* case, or that upon the evidence a jury of reasonable men could not enter a conviction. There are, of course, some cases where the Crown does initiate proceedings, but these are a very small proportion of all the criminal cases. Inasmuch as the Crown does not initiate cases in the majority of criminal cases, it is difficult to see why the Crown should be obliged to pay the expenses of defence where the Court enters an acquittal. It has been suggested that the cause of this resolution was dissatisfaction with police conduct in some localities. This is entirely a question of administration, and the Government will always be glad to enquire into any complaint.

Replies of the Alberta Government, dealing with a large number of subjects of importance which were passed upon by resolution at the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. held in January last, are given in full below. For the sake of clarity a brief summary of each resolution dealt with is given before the Government's answer.

6. Damage to Roads. Suggesting the enactment of legislation to prevent damage to roads by heavy tractors.

Reply. Legislation was passed at the last session giving the Public Works Department power to regulate heavy traffic on roads, and it is felt that will go far to meet the purpose of this resolution.

7. Trust Funds. Urging that every legal practitioner who is to handle trust funds be required to take out a bond for a substantial amount.

Reply. This subject was discussed at considerable length by the Agricultural Committee at the last session. A resolution was passed asking the Government to make certain enquiries this year along the line of regulating all trustees who are handling trust funds, and this enquiry is now proceeding. The Government proposes to introduce at the next session a general act entitled "Provincial Discipline Act," which it is hoped will meet the difficulty which led to this resolution.

8. Opposition Leader's Indemnity. Opposing the payment of any extra indemnity to the leader of any opposition group in the Legislative Assembly.

Reply. The indemnity to the Opposition leader was discontinued at the last session, and another previously paid was divided among the leaders of the three groups in the House, other than the Government group, on the basis of an allowance to indemnify these leaders for the extra work and expense they have to meet, both in preparing of work during the session and in work they are obliged to do between sessions by reason of their position.

9. Municipal Hospital Act. Urging amendment of the Municipal Hospital Act to provide for the holding of the annual meeting at the seat of the hospital. (Dealt with by U.F.A. Executive following Convention.)

Reply. The amendment to the Municipal Hospital Act was raised at the last session to provide that any councillor of a contributing area upon request to the Municipal Hospital Board can secure an annual meeting of the board, such meeting to be held either at the hospital or any other more convenient town than the hospital, which the board selects.

10. Municipal Hospital Taxation. Asking amendment to Hospital Act so that payment of taxes on 300 acres under cultivation shall entitle ratepayer to hospital rate for himself and family and on each additional 100

acres for one employee. (Dealt with by U.F.A. Executive.)

Reply. Section 36, Sub-Section 2 and 3 are as follows:

(2) Any scheme ratified under the Provisions hereof may be substantially varied or modified by the board with the approval of the Minister, either by subtraction therefrom, or addition thereto, or alteration thereof, but no variation so made shall have the effect of imposing a greater rate of taxation.

(3) The Board may at any time after a scheme has been ratified draw up an agreement or agreements for affording hospital accommodation for persons other than hospital supporters, of the same nature as any agreement which it might originally have inserted in the scheme.

These sub-sections give full power to a Municipal Hospital Board to carry out the request embodied in this resolution. Large ranch owners and elevator companies have already availed themselves by arrangement with the Board of the privileges obtainable under these sub-sections.

11. Plebiscites on Beer Parlors. Requesting that for plebiscites on beer parlors the country districts be divided into sections adjoining the nearest town.

Reply. An amendment to the Liquor Act was introduced at the last session doing away with the electoral division as a local option unit, but no further amendment was made. The difficulty with this resolution will appeal to you at once when I suggest that if the Government were called upon in the case of a petition for local option vote in any town to include a certain rural area that we would at once be open to the charge of gerrymandering the local option vote by either the Prohibitionists or Moderationists, whichever party might feel that they had been detrimentally affected by the amount of the rural district. We are working at the present time upon the lines of setting out certain numbers of local option areas in the Province, and hope to be able to give further consideration to the resolution this year.

12. Treating in Beer Parlors. Recommending that treating in hotel beer parlors be made illegal, and that proprietors shall be liable to fines for violations of the law on their premises.

Reply. If the beer parlor is to be allowed, the Government cannot see how any greater restriction on treating can be enforced than the general provisions now contained in the Act. We did not feel we could introduce legislation along these lines at the last session.

13. Sale of Liquor in Waterton Park. Opposing grant of license for sale of liquor in Waterton Lakes Park.

Reply. This resolution deals with a question that has been the cause of very great dissatisfaction in the south country. In the first place, in the other National Parks, Banff and Jasper, with the consent of the Dominion Government, licenses were issued, the same as in the other parts of the Province, and it is difficult to see just what justification there is for denying

Waterton Lakes the same privilege that has been granted to the other two parks. Opinion is divided, there being a considerable objection in some areas to the granting of the license, while there is a most insistent demand from other large areas in favor of the license. The Liquor Commissioner, Mr. Dinning, made an exhaustive enquiry and finally made a strong resolution that a license be issued to the Great Northern Hotel, now erected in Waterton Park, having regard to the fact that these Railway Hotels always operate strictly according to law, and it was decided to issue the license.

14. Export Duty on Wheat. Asking the Provincial Government to resist the movement to place an export duty on wheat in any way.

Reply. This does not come under Provincial jurisdiction, but we have made representations against any such duty.

15. Support of Indigent Persons. Requesting that the burden of support of indigent persons be borne by the Province instead of by municipalities.

Reply. The subject matter of this resolution is one of the questions being considered by the Committee on Revenue and Taxation, which is now carrying on its investigations in the whole field of revenue, taxation and expenditure in the Province.

16. Spray Lakes Water Power. Recommending that the Spray Lakes project be not proceeded with until after a full investigation of gas, coal and water power resources and costs of development; and that if it be found necessary to develop this water power, the project be absolutely under the control of the Provincial Government and not be handed over to private interests.

(A second resolution passed by the Central Board stated the desirability in the interests of the Province that the Parliament of Canada should at the forthcoming session make such provision as will allow storage of water and the development of the project if it is still considered desirable by the Provincial Government.)

Reply. There has been no change in the present situation respecting the Spray Lakes water power resolution. The Dominion Government has not yet decided to issue any license.

17. Bounty on Coyote Skins. Asking that the tax on coyote skins be removed, and replaced by a bounty.

Reply. An act was passed at the last session of the Legislature, which we believe meets the intent of this resolution.

18. Bounty on Crows. Asking that a bounty be paid on crows. (Dealt with by U.F.A. Executive.)

Reply. The Government has for some years been offering prizes to school children and gun clubs in connection with the destruction of crows, magpies and gophers, and believe this system is best, after enquiry in other Provinces where the bounty system was tried.

19. Bounty on Rabbits. Asking that the Provincial Government assist municipalities in paying a bounty on rabbits. (Dealt with by Executive.)

Reply. The Government has for the last three years been giving assistance in the destruction of rabbits, by request, and proposes to continue doing so.

20. Aid to Immigrants. Opposing financial aid by Provincial or Federal Governments to British or foreign immigrants.

Reply. The Alberta Government does not give any financial aid to any immi-

GARBLED REPORTS OF POOL MEETINGS APPEAR IN "CALGARY ALBERTAN"

The Calgary *Albertan* has contained several garbled reports of Wheat Pool meetings recently. By garbled reports we mean statements which twist facts in such a way as to make them convey a misleading and false impression. A particularly good example of a garbled report is contained in an article dated July 20th, carried in the Calgary *Albertan* of the same date. The report states:

"Mr. Jackman, who is one of the directors of the Alberta Pool who failed to secure a nomination in the present election of delegates, informed the meeting that he had been given a permanent position with the Pool as their representative in the Argentine. He is leaving for there in a few weeks."

The bare statement is true but the implication is entirely false. As a matter of fact Mr. Jackman has consistently declined to stand for nomination as a Wheat Pool delegate and informed the Board of Directors of his stand two years ago. He believes that each of the seven Wheat Pool districts should be represented by its full quota of ten delegates exclusive of the members of the Board and believes further that a Board member should not be a member of the body of delegates to whom the Directors give an account of the year's operations at the Wheat Pool's annual meeting.

Accurate and full accounts of Pool meetings are carried in the Calgary *Daily Herald* and in the weekly papers published in the vicinity of the meetings.

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grants, either British or foreign. Mr. Greenfield's office was opened for the purpose of trying to co-ordinate the work being done in the British Isles, and we believe he has been instrumental in seeing that any persons coming from the British Isles are located before sailing, so that immigration is in a healthy condition. We have no responsibility whatever for the immigration from Central Europe.

21. Training Farms for Immigrants. Recommending the establishment of training farms throughout Canada for immigrants. (Dealt with by the Executive.)

Reply. The subject matter of this resolution properly comes under Dominion jurisdiction, but this is one of the questions the Premier will discuss in England, as he intends to recommend to the authorities there that training farms should be established in Canada.

22. Date of Provincial Seed Fair. Requesting that the Provincial Seed Fair be opened on Monday of the week in which it is held. (Dealt with by Central Board.)

Reply. The Government has already made arrangements to have the Provincial Seed Fair open on the Monday of the week on which the U.F.A. Convention is held.

23. Land Settlement. Urging that in any land settlement scheme the Alberta farm boy be given first consideration. (Endorsed by Executive.)

Reply. As the Alberta Government operates no land settlement scheme this resolution is not being considered further.

24. Course of Studies on Co-operation. Asking the Provincial Government to appoint a committee to draw up a course of studies on the principles of co-operation for use in our public schools.

Reply. This resolution has been referred to the trustees controlling the Wheat Board surplus, who are working on a course of studies on co-operation, both in the University and public schools.

25. Text Book on War. Requesting that a text book be placed in the public schools to explain the horrors of war.

Reply. The Government is endeavoring, through revision of the course of studies and selection of text books to have less attention paid to war, and to hold

before the minds of the children the ideal of peace.

26. Location of Schools. Asking the Department of Education to prevent schools being built in locations inconvenient to country children, in the case of mixed village and rural school districts.

Reply. The Department of Education is prepared to do everything in its power to have schools located where they will best meet the requirements of the various communities.

27. Educational System. Requesting the Government to appoint a committee to examine experiments along the lines of greater elasticity in educational systems and greater adaptability to industrial needs of pupils, and to the needs of rural communities. (Passed by U.F.W.A. Convention.)

Reply. The Government is concerning itself particularly at the present time with the problems of education and is in possession of considerable data dealing with what is being done in other countries. Whether or not it is advisable to send a commission abroad for the purpose of investigation has not yet been decided, but the matter will be given careful thought.

28. Feeble-minded. Asking for sterilization of certain grades of feeble-minded and intermittently deranged persons. (Passed by U.F.W.A. Convention.)

Reply. A bill was introduced at the last session to bring it to the attention of the people, but deferred for final action for another session. A constitutional question has been raised as to whether the Province has the authority to pass legislation of this kind, and opinions are now being obtained, and it may be necessary to refer the question to the Court before finally passing the legislation.

29. Calgary-Edmonton U. N. R. Branch. Asking the Provincial Government to urge the Federal Government to complete this branch line. (Dealt with by Central Board.)

Reply. The subject matter of this resolution has been referred to the Federal Government.

30. General Telephone Ring. Asking the Government to investigate the feasibility of establishing a general telephone ring. (Continued on Page 20)

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of U.F.A. Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

DIAMOND VALLEY PICNIC

In spite of bad weather there was an attendance of 75 persons at the recent picnic of Diamond Valley Local, and a good program of athletic events was carried out.

BINDER AND KNOTTER TROUBLES

The Second Edition of J. Macgregor Smith's bulletin, "Binder and Knotter Troubles" may be secured, free of charge, by Alberta Farmers from the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

RAISE \$40 AT PICNIC

Clear Water Lake Local raised \$62 at a picnic held on July 27th, reports Albert Anderson, secretary, in forwarding membership dues to Central Office. The district is 100 per cent organized for the U.F.A., about four members only remaining whose dues are to be paid in for 1927.

SEDGWICK CONVENTION

Over one hundred delegates and visitors attended the annual convention of the Sedgewick U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association held at Sedgewick on August 1st. Afternoon and evening sessions were presided over by Mrs. Hayes, of Strone, the President. Interesting addresses were delivered by Mrs. Price, U.F.W.A. Director, and Mr. Brown, U.F.A. Director. A. G. Andrews, M.L.A., gave an account of his stewardship, and a hearty vote of thanks for his services was adopted. W. T. Lucas, M.P., spoke on Federal affairs and Mr. McLeod on the Wheat Pool.

JOINT U.F.A. AND WHEAT POOL MEETING

Wheat Pool affairs figured prominently in the program of a joint U.F.A. and Pool meeting held by the Painter Creek U.F.A. Local, on July 27th, reports Soren Meyer, secretary, in a letter to Central Office. E. Brown of Cadzow, in a most interesting address, outlined the manner in which the business of the Wheat Pool is conducted, and the benefits it had conferred on the farmers. It had raised the average level of prices by a substantial amount, and largely through its effect on prices, farming was being converted from a losing to a paying proposition. Following a discussion Mr. Brown was loudly applauded as he left the platform.

Mrs. Price, of Statler, U.F.W.A. Director for Camrose, gave a short address on the need for the farm women to organize, and described the efforts the Association had put forth to raise the status of farm women in Alberta. As a result of Mrs. Price's visit, states Mr. Meyer, the ladies of Painter Creek and Britain districts have formed a new U.F.W.A. Local.

"BUILDING THE CITADEL OF CO-OPERATION"

"The wheat grower of Canada is solving his own problem and setting an example which, if followed, is destined to change the marketing systems of the world," states M. R. Ward, former president of Arrowwood U.F.A. Local and an active

LACOMBE CONVENTION TO BE HELD AUGUST 24th

To U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. members of the Lacombe Provincial Constituency: The Annual Convention will be held in the new community hall at Bentley, on Wednesday, the 24th August, at 11 a.m.

The Hon. Mrs. Paribby, Hon. O. L. McPherson and Mr. Wm. Irvine, M.P., will address the convention.

Yours fraternally,

C. J. WOLFERSTAN,
Sec.-Treas.

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officer in the Bow River Federal Constituency Association, in an article in the *Bow River News*, published at Arrowwood. Mr. Ward is a councillor of Marquis Municipality. Pointing out that the Wheat Pool controls over one-fourth of the exportable surplus of the world's wheat, he adds, "but the aims of the Pool will never be fully accomplished until every farmer realizes his responsibility."

Every farmer who joins the Pool is true to his neighbor—every farmer who stays outside denies his own interest."

In another issue of the *News*, which is strongly supporting the Pool drive, R. L. Campbell, Secretary of the Queens-town Board of Trade, in the course of an inspiring article on co-operation, declares, "The building of the citadel of co-operation is, with the formation of the Wheat Pool, definitely begun. By signing the contract and by urging others to come in and make it a grand success, we can so easily help to make life better and happier for ourselves, our fellow-men and future generations."

Complain Locals Not Allowed to Buy In Carload Lots

Strongest Objection to New Ruling Taken By Big Valley U.F.A. Association—Vice-President Speaks

Vigorous objections against a recent ruling of the Canadian Freight Carriers' Association, by which, it was stated, U.F.A. Locals will be deprived of the opportunity to purchase carload lots of various commodities, were voiced at a meeting of the Big Valley to Munson U.F.A. District Association, held at Big Valley on August 10th. The U.F.A. Central Office were asked to obtain all information in connection with this matter and take any necessary steps to protect the interests of the Locals.

The Association also adopted a resolution requesting the Municipal Hall Insurance Board or Manager to give more detailed information than has hitherto been given to policy holders, as to what course they must follow in respect to crops which have been damaged by hail. It was stated that considerable serious delay had been caused by waiting for

adjusters at a time when, if a crop which had been ruined, it could be plowed in in preparation for next year.

Mr. Scholefield on Organization

R. E. O. H. Scholefield, Vice-President of the U.F.A., delivered an address on organization matters. He advised Local secretaries to pay close attention to the provisions of the constitution with reference to the forwarding of dues to Central, and pointed out that the collection and forwarding of dues was a matter of exceptional importance this year, when most of the attention of the U.F.A. is concentrated upon Wheat Pool drive. The maintenance of the Association at strength largely depended upon the secretaries.

Mr. Scholefield stated that the membership were not making as full use of Central Office as they might do. The Association was not brought into being to keep the Central Office going, but the Central Office was established to give all the service in their power to Locals and members. It was desired that members should write in regard to any subjects on which they desired information or assistance. Reference was made to the official organ, *The U.F.A.*, which it was stated, was getting steadily larger and better, and was anxious to give the maximum service to members.

Mr. Notland, President of the District Association, was in the chair, and Mrs. Fairclough, the Secretary, performed the duties of that office.

NEW SEED GRAIN TARIFF

The new local freight tariff of the C.N.R. and C.P.R. railways on seed grain, became effective on August 11th in respect to wheat and rye and will be effective in respect to all other grains on October 1st, 1927, expiring June 15th, 1928. As in years past the special reduced rates have been made subject to certificates signed by the Secretary of the U.F.A. and also by the U.F.A. Local secretary and consignee, with complete information filed in, and also to certification by the Seed Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture.

WHEAT POOL STAFF PICNIC

The "Wheat Kernels", an organization of the members of the staff of the Pool office in Calgary, held their second annual picnic at Bowness Park on August 6th. The event was favored with delightful weather and from all angles was a great success. The U.F.A. staff attended in a body as the guests of the Kernels, and enjoyed the afternoon and evening to the full.

The sports program contained many novel features. The race which attracted the most attention was the 100 yards dash by the members of the Board. Mr. Wood ran like a two year old but only secured third place. The member of the Board with the longest legs, Mr. Lew Hutchinson, took first place and was rewarded for his efforts with a magnificent prize—a fresh hen. Mr. Strong came in second but broke his suspenders in the attempt.

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The Peace River Country

Impressions Formed on a Recent Tour Through the North

ARTICLE NO. 2

To focus in a few brief articles impressions formed during a tour of more than 1500 miles through a portion of the vast area comprised in the Peace River Block, it is necessary to pass over much that was interesting and important, and to confine oneself for the most part to generalization. The magnitude of the country, its pleasant vistas of fertile park land, the vision of its majestic and mighty river, evoke a feeling that it is good to be alive in an Alberta whose beauty is more various and more alluring than one had imagined, and good to be of a generation which has been called to the joyous task of creation in a land worthy of becoming the home of a great people.

The Peace River country is faced with a number of difficult practical problems, chief among them the problem of transportation. This matter will be touched upon later. Of greater importance than the solution of any problem in engineering and finance, however, is the answer to the question, "What is to be the quality of the future citizenship of the North?"

Conversations with men who know the country well, who have occasion to spend many months in every year in visiting the various communities, convinced the writer that there need be no doubt on this score if present standards are maintained. Among the farmers there is a belief in co-operation, a determination to build for the future, at least as strong as elsewhere in Alberta. The settlers whose native tongue is English and who, of course, are greatly predominant in numbers, get along well, for the most part, with those of other nationalities. There seems little tendency to "particularism." There is a large Norwegian settlement, and the Nor-

wegians are, of course, as good Canadians as are to be found in Alberta. Herman Trelle, who now lives at Wembley, is one of them.

Belief in co-operation is more widespread and has penetrated more deeply in Alberta than in some other portions of the Dominion, and there is here a more tolerant spirit. That is why the process known as "assimilation" proceeds more steadily here, and more successfully. The important role which has been played by the U.F.A. in breaking down barriers between the people is plainly apparent. In many places, in the Peace River, the writer found, the terms U.F.A. and Wheat Pool are almost interchangeable. That co-operation is no less logical in trade than in citizenship and no less logical in public affairs than it is in the selling of wheat, is becoming increasingly apparent. It may be said that in district after district in which inquiries were made, it was stated that in the neighborhood of 75 per cent. of the farmers were members of the Wheat Pool.

In the Norwegian settlements at Valhalla and Northfield the U.F.A. is a most powerful factor in the community life. The Norwegians are strong co-operators, and run a successful creamery at Valhalla.

The banquet at Northfield was one of the most delightful events of the tour. Something will be said later of the very fine musical programs presented at almost every point visited by the party, and of what has been done, mainly through the enterprise of a number of residents of musical accomplishment and public spirit, to cultivate the taste for good music. At this time it must suffice to express the feeling of real enjoyment

with which every one of the visitors listened to the choruses given by the Norwegian choir in the Northfield Community Hall. The hosts of the day had chosen a program exclusively in English—"My Own Canadian Home," "Come Where the Lilies Bloom," and "Let Where My Love Lies Dreaming," and a humorous piece, but the visitors insisted on the addition of a number in Norwegian, and this made a "great hit."

The Norwegian people, like those of various other nationalities who have made their homes in this country, have a great culture and great traditions of their own. Their traditions and culture are not so shallowly rooted that they can be destroyed without loss to themselves and to the people of this country. No people who could lightly discard the memory of a great past would be capable of becoming citizens of a Canada worthy of a great destiny. As one of the visitors said, at a banquet during the course of the tour, it is not in the rooting out of traditions, but in the blending of these with our own, and the consequent enrichment of ours, that non-English speaking people can contribute most truly to the building up of a noble civilization of the future.

—W.N.R.

MANITOBA POOL ELEVATORS

The average handled to date of the 20 elevators operated by the Manitoba Pool during the past season is approximately 188,000 bushels per house.

MOVEMENT OF HARVESTING SEASON

Harvesting in the southern part of the winter wheat belt is now almost completed.

The yields in the southern part of the winter wheat belt were rather disappointing. However, Nebraska is reported to be threshing the greatest crop of her history.

The harvest season moves northward at the pace of about twenty miles per day so it will soon be our turn in Alberta.

The Legislative Party, and Their Hosts and Hostesses, at Northfield



News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Department of Extension and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Why the Second Series of Wheat Pool Contracts Should be Signed Immediately

The second series of contracts should be signed immediately because the Alberta Wheat Pool is anxious to formulate definite plans to provide adequate country elevator facilities at every point in the Province where a Wheat Pool elevator can be operated economically and to provide adequate terminal facilities to handle Pool grain.

The contracts should be signed immediately in order that the Selling Agency may ensure the numerous splendid agencies working exclusively for the Wheat Pool in importing countries a steady supply of Pool grain from month to month and from year to year.

The contracts should be signed immediately in order that the Pool may make its plans well in advance for the economical handling and handling of Pool business.

The contracts should be signed immediately in order to ensure the continuation of the Alberta Wheat Pool, which is the opinion of everyone, exclusive of private grain dealers, has made a very substantial contribution to the welfare of the Alberta farmers.

The contracts should be signed immediately in order to maintain the present relationship between agricultural prices and the prices of other commodities, which relationship is distinctly advantageous to the farmers. At the present time the index number for Cana-

dian grain is 101, considering 1912 prices as 100.

The contracts should be signed immediately in order to avoid the expense and confusion of a large number of contracts coming in during the busy season in the autumn.

Remember that when you sign a Pool contract you become a member of a farmer-owned and controlled co-operative organization which is operated solely for the benefit of the members which compose it. Remember also, that when you sign a Wheat Pool contract you become a member of a co-operative society which is a society, not an impersonal or soulless joint-stock company. In addition to the necessities of life in the way of material goods, a co-operative society offers education, recreation and fellowship. It offers ideals worthy of the highest aspirations.

The ultimate aim of co-operation is not simply the application of better business methods to the industry of agriculture—the ultimate aim is a new way of life. Join the Pool and help your fellow farmers in their effort to maintain the new marketing system which they have evolved. Assist your fellow farmers to evolve and maintain a more efficient, a less expensive, a more remunerative and a more satisfactory form of marketing than the Grain Trade offers, by signing a Pool contract to-day.

Grain Trade Protests Strongly Against Baldwin's Praise of Wheat Pools

British "Corn Trade Association" Takes Exception to Prime Minister's Lincolnshire Speech

Violent protests were despatched to the Prime Minister yesterday from important Corn Trade Associations throughout the country, including London and Liverpool, protesting against his references, in his Lincolnshire speech on Thursday, to the Canadian Wheat Pool.

(Mr. Baldwin held up the Canadian Wheat Pool as a model to the British farmer, stating that "that gigantic effort of self help and born work saved thousands of Canadian farmers from disaster.")

British corn associations protest that the Corn Pool was only created in order to raise prices for the buyer in this country.

"Smothering Wheat"

The telegram despatched by the Liverpool Corn Trade Association stated that the entire object of the Pool was to create a monopoly of grain in Canada and also, if possible, with the help of other Pools, to create a world corner in wheat.

The Association also entreated Mr. Baldwin to consider very carefully anything he was about to say about Pools when a guest of Canada.

The Hull Corn Trade Association at a private meeting yesterday passed a strong resolution of protest against the Prime Minister's words.

The terms of the resolution were not disclosed but Mr. Lambert, a prominent member of the Association, said that the view was taken that the suggestion made by Mr. Baldwin should never have been made by the Prime Minister of this country. Those in the corn trade, he said were absolutely opposed to Pools of any kind.

A member of the London Corn Trade Association and the Liverpool Corn Trade Association said to the Westminster Gazette last night: "The London corn trade is very resentful over the Prime Minister's speech."

"The feeling of the trade is that had it not been in a large measure owing to the activity of the Canadian Wheat Pool, it is a very open question whether the prices of wheat, one of the necessities of life, in the United Kingdom, would have been so high. The Canadian Wheat Pool has so arranged things that it is dribbling out wheat just as it thinks Europe needs it. The original intention was to secure the more even marketing of the Canadian wheat crop, but the impression is that it has gone far beyond this in making it difficult to buy in competition with the wheats of other countries."—From Westminster Gazette, London, July 25, 1927.

OLD MEMBERS PAY NO ORGANIZATION FEE

Some members have apparently obtained the impression that it is necessary to pay a \$3.00 membership fee to renew contracts. It should be definitely understood that any present member may renew his contract at any time before August 1st, 1928, without paying any fee whatever.

News of Drive

The drive to sign the second series contracts is proceeding very satisfactorily. We are receiving 150 to 250 contracts per day. An interesting feature of the results of the drive to date is the large number of new members which we are getting each day.

We receive many contracts daily covering large wheat acreages. The following, which were taken from the contracts received during the past few days are typical:

Lee and Allenson Bros., Stettler, 1000 acres; J. Peterson & Sons, Three Hills, 450 acres; O. M. Smith, Provost, 400 acres; Peter Larson, Lysla, 800 acres; W. T. Gowdy, Shepard, 450 acres; Marcel Verweire, Strathmore, 400 acres; J. E. Perry, Lethbridge, 400 acres; Arthur Schoonover, Husar, 500 acres; A. C. Roach, Alliance, 500 acres; W. W. Glen, Cereal, 500 acres; W. A. Strong, Roselyn, 400 acres; A. M. Martin, Leslieville, 500 acres; A. K. Macdonald, Delta, 400 acres; Ole Christensen, Husar, 700 acres; Ray Moore, Sibbald, 600 acres; O. H. Sanders, Iron Springs, 800 acres; B. R. Talbot, Commerce, 500 acres; C. H. Starling & Sons, Haskett, 450 acres; C. Lund, Loughheed, 400 acres; M. W. Conrad, Taber, 500 acres; Fred Brooks, Husar, 800 acres; R. S. Thomas, Claresholm, 700 acres; L. A. Dye, Leo, 400 acres.

The Secretary's Department has sent a letter to all delegates enclosing a list of the supervisors and canvassers appointed in each sub-district. The letter also indicates the number of contracts received from each canvasser up to July 30th. All delegates are urged to get in touch with the canvassers who have not yet sent in contracts and urge upon them the necessity of making a special effort to have the canvases completed as soon as possible. The delegates are urged to do their best to impress upon their supervisors the importance of keeping constantly in touch with the canvassers and impressing upon them the necessity of covering their territories thoroughly.

Savings deposits in Canada have been steadily rising and recently touched the new high mark of \$1,389,609,000.

In 1920 \$797,840,000 of life insurance was taken out in Canada, which represents an increase of 124 per cent over the previous year.

Various Reasons Which Make Use of Pooling Contract Desirable

Some of the Advantages Reaped by Farmers Through Contracts With Their Fellow Producers.

As we are now in the midst of our sign-up campaign it is appropriate to discuss the various reasons why the Wheat Pool uses a contract. You will probably be interested to know, in addition, one or two facts in connection with the evolution of the use of contracts.

Marketing Contract Not New Device

Those who would have us to believe that the marketing contract is a very recent invention of "red" farmers with "Bolshevik" tendencies are sadly misinformed. The use of a written marketing contract of the type we now use was developed in California in the early nineties. Independent packing, sugar beet and canning establishments used a similar contract forty years ago. In order to ensure a sufficient volume of business and protect their investments in capital equipment, these companies required the farmers to sign a contract. The contracts also contained a clause providing for liquidated damages in case of non-delivery. When the farmers set up their own fruit canning, packing houses, and other similar enterprises they simply copied the independent companies and used a contract which provided for full delivery and liquidated damages. The notion which some hold that our contract is copied from the ones used by co-operative bacon plants in Denmark (the principal purpose of which is to provide a method of financing) is erroneous. Our contract is a purely American device of indigenous origin.

Many Co-operatives Find Contract Indispensable

The rapid development of large scale co-operative organizations in the past decade has necessitated the use of marketing contracts on a very large scale. Many large co-operative associations such as tobacco, potato, fruit and cereal pools are now using a marketing contract. All these associations find the contract of great value. In the case of a commodity like tobacco, where a large carry over from one crop year to another is quite normal, a marketing contract is absolutely indispensable.

Contracts are used very extensively in Denmark, the country which has led the way in nearly all branches of the co-operative marketing movement. The co-operative associations in Denmark make use of contracts binding the members to deliver their total production of a particular commodity, except what is needed for home use, for a definite period. This applies to both the local and central co-operative associations. In the case of the purchasing associations, of which there are many in Denmark, the members contract to buy their necessary supplies from their association for a definite period, usually five or ten years.

The length of the contract period in Denmark varies with the nature of the commodity handled and also with different associations. It ranges from one to twenty years. The contract delivery period with the co-operative creameries is five to twenty years, but usually ten years; with co-operative bacon factories five, seven or ten years; with cattle exporting associations three years; with co-operative

butter exporting associations one year, contracts being automatically renewed if notice of withdrawal is not received six months in advance of time contract expires.

Increasingly Used Since the War

The use of the five year contract has become very common throughout North America since the War. Practically all the cotton, tobacco, wheat, potato and other marketing associations in the United States use a five year contract. During the past year, however, some associations, notably one of two of the cotton co-operatives, have made appreciable changes in their contracts. In the southern states there are many very poor tenant farmers who are unable to meet all their obligations in the autumn with the initial payment they receive from the Pool. They have, therefore, either declined to join the Pool or failed to deliver their cotton after they did join. After trying out the rigid five year contract for several years, one or two of the Pools have decided to insert a clause permitting members to deliver to the Pool and receive full payment at the time of delivery. The crop of those who receive full payment is, of course, sold immediately in order to avoid the risk of falling markets. The change virtually amounts to forming a monthly Pool which operates along with the regular yearly pool.

Alberta Wheat Pool members may be interested to know that three of the United States Wheat Pools attempted this plan and gave it up as a failure. The Washington Wheat Pool had a particularly unfortunate experience as a result of changing its contract to meet the wishes of those who considered the initial payment too low.

The Value of the Contract

The principal reason for using a contract is to make sure of a sufficient volume of business over a period of years to operate a co-operative association efficiently and economically. A co-operative association with signed contracts knows approximately the volume of business it will have and thus has a definite basis for its merchandising policy. This is particularly important in the case of the Wheat Pools which market their members' grain as the demand arises and thus avoid depressing prices by offering more than the consumers stand ready to take at fair prices.

Contract Ensures Intelligent Marketing

The importance of this feature has been well illustrated a number of times by the experience of some of the United States Wheat Pools. Some of these organizations sold a large proportion of their annual receipts in the fall of the year when prices were relatively low, as they fully anticipated much heavier deliveries than they received. This led to considerable dissatisfaction, which would have been overcome had they known the probable volume of business for the year. The Canadian Pools are very fortunate in being able to estimate very closely the deliveries to the Pool for the year, which, of course, enables them to formulate their merchandising policy well in advance of actual sales.

Knowing the approximate amount of business for the year is a great advantage, in addition to its bearing on the method of selling the commodity, as it gives a co-operative association a definite basis which enables it to make favorable arrangements for financing. Had the Canadian Pools not known in advance the approximate volume of business they would have been unable to make arrangements with the banks to borrow money at a low rate of interest.

Contract Brings Stability

Members have a great deal more confidence in an organization which has contracts, as they know it will be much more permanent than an association depending entirely upon voluntary patronage from year to year. Members can deliver their products from year to year and feel quite safe in doing so, as they know the large volume of business, which the contract virtually guarantees, will ensure the economical handling of their products.

Overcomes Opposition

One of the most valuable features of the contract, and one frequently overlooked, is the effectiveness with which it may overcome the opposition of private traders to co-operative associations. Anyone who knows anything about the history of co-operation in any country knows that the most common means employed by opposing interests to defeat the attempts of the co-operatives has been to induce the members to patronize private enterprises by offering prices above true competitive values. The Danish co-operative societies were among the first to effectively overcome opposition by requiring their members to contract to deliver their produce to their association for several years regardless of the prices or other inducements offered by the opposition. To bring the matter nearer home, the power of the private grain trade to undermine the confidence of Wheat Pool members and thus break down their organization by offering inducements such as grades and prices above the true grades and true competitive prices, is greatly reduced by the use of the Pool contract.

The contract also protects the loyal members against the losses incurred by other members taking advantage of the Pool's services and then selling outside the Pool if speculation happens to send prices above their normal level. For instance, had it not been for the use of contracts, members who did not deliver their grain until late this year might have sold their grain in the open market when, due to a variety of reasons, the price was considerably higher than during the past several months.

Summary

To summarize briefly, the Wheat Pool uses contracts to ensure sufficient volume of business over a period of years to operate effectively and at low cost; in order that it may know in advance the approximate volume of business and make favorable financing arrangements and formulate a definite basis for its merchandising or orderly marketing program; to protect loyal members against the danger of disloyal ones taking advantage of the Pool's services and then selling outside the Pool when speculation sends prices temporarily above their normal level. The Pool uses a contract to protect members against the unfair practices of the opposition, such as over-grading and overpaying at certain points at certain times. The Wheat Pool uses a contract as it provides a convenient method of stating the responsibilities, privileges, understandings, and duties of the com-

tracting parties and not, as the opposition is continually arguing, to get control of a large portion of the crop with a view to attempting to extract monopoly prices. The contract is simply a business agreement between the individual member and his fellow members which enables them to mind their own business in their own way and benefit greatly by so doing.

Contract is Enforceable

The Pool contract is a legally enforceable document and the stipulated damages are without a doubt collectable. However, members should never feel that they should live up to their agreement simply because it is a legal instrument. They should live up to their contract because of their conviction that the permanent and continued success of their organization is dependent upon the continued loyal support of all members. They should view the contract as a business agreement between the individual member and his fellow members; an agreement stating the responsibilities and duties of the individual to the group and the group to the individual. The marketing contract is an agreement stating the mutual understandings of the two contracting parties.

Contract Violations Impair Pool's Efficiency

Any member who violates his contract not only is liable for the damages stipulated in the contract, but he is greatly unfair to his fellow members as he lowers the prestige and influence of the Pool, impairs its efficiency, and reaps its benefits without contributing his small share to its operating expenses.

Owing to the great difficulty involved in determining, even approximately, the damages suffered by the association due to a breach of contract, each contract signer agrees to pay the Pool twenty-five cents per bushel as liquidated damages for each bushel of grain he markets outside his own organization.

Origin of Liquidated Damages Clause

Like the marketing contract, the liquidated damages clause is much older than most people recognize. The identical principle was used in the middle of the nineteenth century in the early days of the farmers' elevator movement in the United States. These local farmers' co-operative elevators were organized to combat the buying monopoly established at country points by line companies, millers and transportation companies. Their chief aim was to enable the farmer to escape from the clutches of the local buyer and sell his product on the central market where competition was relatively free. As soon as the growth of co-operative elevators began to threaten the large profits of private companies, they offered prices higher than the true market value of the grain in order to cause dissatisfaction among the co-operatives' members. For a time the tactics of the private companies severely crippled the efficiency of the co-operative elevators. Many members were too short-sighted to see the necessity of supporting their organization, even at a temporary sacrifice, and sold their grain to outsiders at prices above its real worth. However, a remedy was soon found. Those members who sold their grain outside of their own organization were obliged to pay a maintenance, penalty, or service charge. Many co-operative elevators advised their members to sell to outsiders if they could get prices above prevailing market values and pay the service charge to maintain their own elevator. Thus the farmers' elevators weathered the storm and realized their

two principal objectives—to act as service depots and maintain an open market. By their penalty charges the cost of this service was distributed pro rata over the entire membership.

Why Contracts Must Be Lived Up To

The best interest of all members is the dominant motive behind all action to induce members to live up to their contracts. The principal reason why we have a contract is to ensure sufficient volume of business over a period of years to enable us to operate effectively and efficiently and render the best possible service to our members. In order to do so all members must observe all the terms of their agreement with their fellow members.

Manitoba Wheat Pool Holds Fourth Annual Meeting

The fourth Annual Meeting of the Manitoba Wheat Pool was held at Brandon on July 27th and 28th. There were 364 delegates in attendance, about 20 short of a full representation for the entire membership. In addition the proceedings of the meeting were followed by a large number of visitors. It was a real co-operative meeting. While the delegates evinced a keen desire to get the fullest information there were no carping criticisms and the discussions were uniformly on a high plane.

The Directors' report and the financial statements were followed closely, President Burnell answering questions with regard to general policy. Manager Mahoney the questions relating to elevators and the handling of grain, and the auditor those relating to the Pool finances. All the matters were discussed to the complete satisfaction of the delegates and the reports were adopted unanimously. A vote of complete confidence in the Board and Management was also passed unanimously. Six of the seven members of the Board of Directors were re-elected, the one change occurring in District 5, where John Quick, of Grandview, was elected in succession to C. S. Stevenson.

Board of Manitoba Pool

The Board for 1937-38 is as follows: Dist. 1, R. F. Chapman, Niiga; Dist. 2, W. G. Weir, Rosebank; Dist. 3, C. H. Burnell, Oakville; Dist. 4, W. G. A. Gourlay, Dauphin; Dist. 5, J. Quick, Grandview; Dist. 6, F. F. Bredt, Kenney; Dist. 7, S. Gellie, Harmsworth. The Board of Directors met after the close of the annual meeting and re-elected C. H. Burnell, President. P. F. Bredt, Kenney, was elected to succeed W. G. A. Gourlay as Vice-President and S. Gellie was re-elected to the Executive. This Executive, composed of the President, Vice-President and Mr. Gellie, will represent the Manitoba Pool on the Board of the Central Selling Agency.

Fuller Elevator Program

One of the most important of the matters discussed was that of the elevator program. The Directors' report stated that the Pool had received a large number of complaints of discrimination against Pool Members by private elevators and this, coupled to the great advantages of a Pool elevator, had led to a strong and urgent demand for more Pool elevators. A resolution was put before the meeting from the Board proposing that the Board be empowered to augment the elevator program if they deemed advis-

CROP AND POOL PROSPECTS

We are pleased to report that from every section of the Province extremely favorable crop reports are being received at the office daily. Mr. Jackman and Mr. Nesbitt, who have been addressing Wheat Pool meetings in the Peace River country recently, report magnificent crops throughout the district north of Edmonton. Reports from many parts of the Province forecast record yields.

All signs point to a bumper crop for Alberta this year. All signs indicate that the coming year will see the Pool handling a greatly increased volume of grain. If all the farmers would join the Wheat Pool all signs would also point to a bumper revenue for all farmers.

able and authorizing them to issue bonds in the event of the program requiring an expenditure in excess of the elevator reserve fund. This resolution passed with only 9 dissenting, and subsequently the Pool's counsel, T. J. Murray, K.C., introduced a by-law which also passed, by which the Directors were authorized to issue bonds against the equity of the Pool body in the elevators, thus leaving intact the equity of the local elevator association. There was a good and an informative discussion on this question, the general opinion being that it was sound business and would prove of great benefit to the Pool as a whole.

Fraternal Delegates

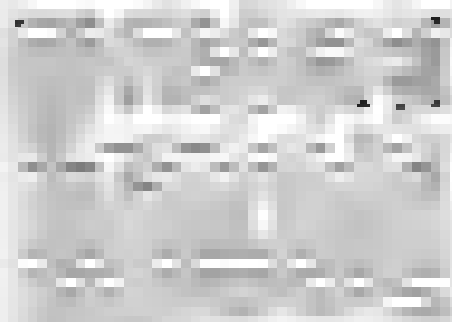
The following fraternal delegates were present: S. M. Dickinson, Secretary of the South Dakota Wheat Pool; L. C. Brouillette, Vice-President of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; O. C. Jensen, Director of Alberta Wheat Pool; E. R. Ramsay, Secretary and Managing Director of the Central Selling Agency; G. W. Towel, Secretary-Treasurer of Manitoba Co-operative Dairies; Roy MacPhail, President and Managing Director of Manitoba Co-operative Livestock Producers. Each briefly addressed the meeting and Mr. Ramsay answered a number of questions in connection with the business of the Central Selling Agency.

Directors' Report

The directors' report showed that the total deliveries of wheat to the Manitoba Pool during the year were 16,033,885 bushels and 12,793,361 bushels of coarse grains, making a total of 28,832,146 bushels, as compared with a total of 26,301,515 bushels last year. The increase in wheat was 27 per cent. over last year, in barley 104 per cent., flax 594 per cent., rye 154 per cent. There was a decrease of 52 per cent. in oat deliveries owing to the poor crop of that grain. The 30 elevators operated by the Pool during the year handled 5,616,648 bushels of grain, which included 377,344 bushels of non-pool grain. Non-pool grain is handled because the Pool elevators operate under a public license. This grain, however, is simply taken in by the Pools on the ordinary charges and handed over to the trading firm designated by the shipper. Pool grain loaded over platforms amounted to 2,204,807 bushels.

Membership is 18,700

The membership in the wheat and coarse grain Pools at July 15th was 18,756. This allows for a loss of 1,695



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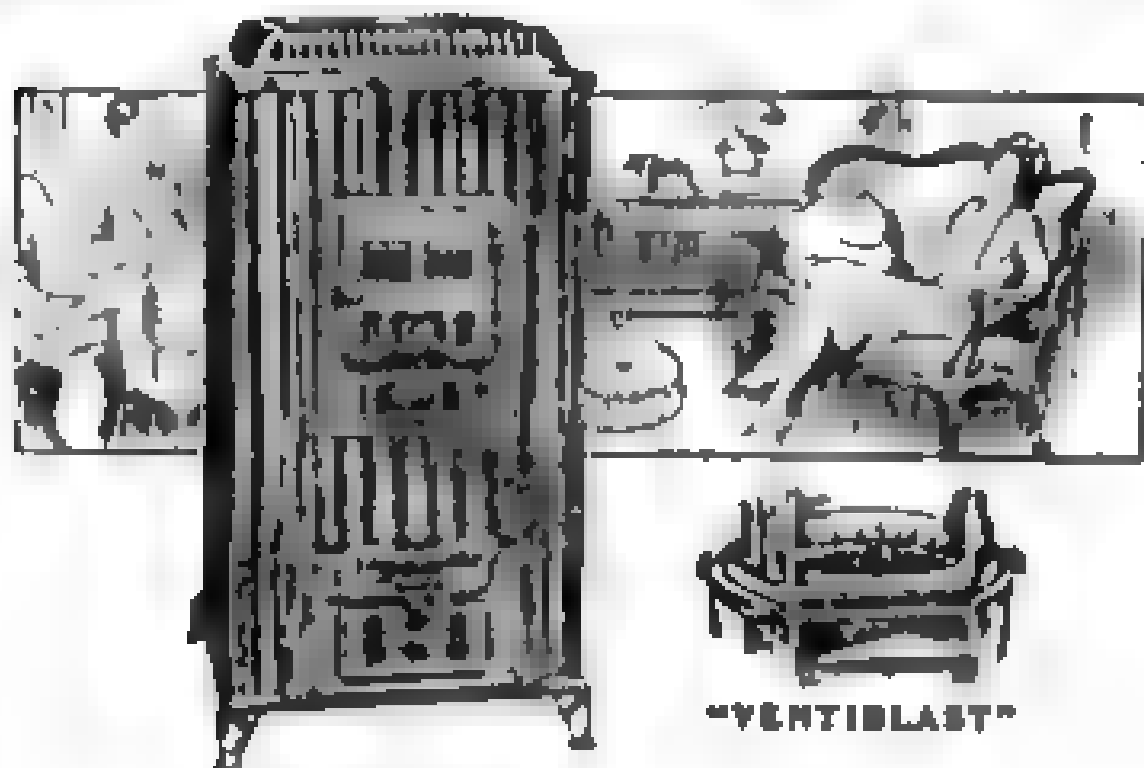


Some Views on the Subject of Combine Harvesting



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Anti-Pool Propaganda - Garbled Reports of Wheat Pool Meetings

One of the commonest types of propaganda against the Wheat Pool is the use of garbled reports of the meetings of the Wheat Pool. These reports are often published in the newspapers and magazines, and are usually intended to mislead the public and to create a false impression of the Pool's activities.

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1. **Introduction**

HAZEL BLUFF MONIC

"Thought you might like to hear of our activities," writes Mrs. Ray Lyons, Secretary of Hazel Bluff Local. Hazel Bluff F.W.A. sold a picnic at which they realized thirty-five dollars. To Mr. Kennedy, M.P., addressed the Local on T.F.A. Sunday and his talk was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all. Twenty-five ladies took advantage of the fascinating demonstration given by Tom Tilling, of the Department of Agriculture, as the plant grows pressed pleasant and profitable to all who were able to take this opportunity of learning something about farming.

STATE ON CO-OPERATION

We had the pleasure of listening to a splendid address by Mrs. Parsons, our District, written Mrs. King, Secretary of Townville Local. The topic of her talk was co-operation and she urged that we remain loyal in the organization. We were told of who to have close along with of health and social matters and also what is being started at our Local. After Mrs. Parsons address the President Mrs. King, moved a vote of thanks which was given and warmly. A full report will be given by the hostess, Mrs. Barnes.

MILITARY DEMONSTRATION

A military demonstration held by the Hazel Bluff F.W.A. Local under the leadership of Mrs. Davidson was a great success, states Mrs. F.A. Kellerman, Secretary in a report in The F.W.A. It rained every day, she adds, and could have been very bad weather, but there was a good attendance and all feel that we had a great day and truly hope that we will be able to have Mrs. Davidson with us again next year.

ADDRESSES JOINT MEETING

Mrs. Kinross, Federal Stettler Provincial, invited all Immigration and Naturalization of the United Farm Workers of Alberta, addressed a joint meeting of the Laughhead and Valley F.W.A. units at the farm home of Mrs. F. and Mrs. J. Mrs. Kinross expressed great pleasure in being present as such a large gathering of farm women. In her address, she spoke of the many suggestions and ideas, intended to women. In conclusion Mrs. Kinross urged all members to be an active part in all phases of F.W.A. work, pointing out that it is impossible to estimate the amount of good the members are doing for the communities which they live. Education program.

WARDEN U.F.W.A. LOCAL

All the members of the above Local, with exception of Mrs. Brown, who is in England, and Mrs. Rowe, who is confined to her home by a prolonged illness, met at the home of Mrs. W. McQueen on July 24th. Minutes of several old pages opened the afternoon. Mrs. King then read a report on Immigration which was followed by a very interesting discussion. A delicious tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Eileen Macdonald and Mrs. Ruth Cameron. Another successful meeting.

RENDER TIMELY ASSISTANCE

The Hazel Bluff F.W.A. ladies gave a dinner last Friday at the Railway Hotel. The proceeds were to be given to the St. John Ambulance Society, who suffered loss through fire a short time ago, of their living house. The Ambulance are very grateful to friends and neighbors for the

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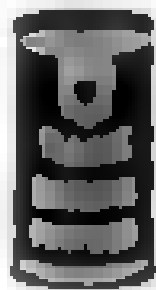
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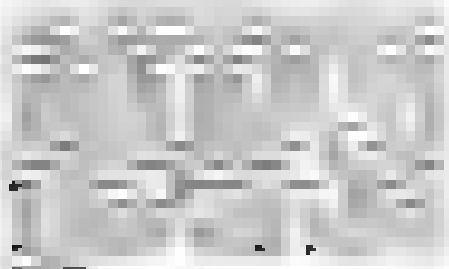
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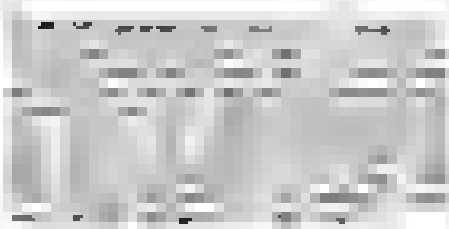
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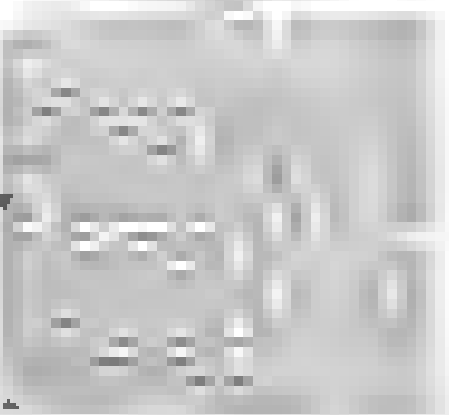


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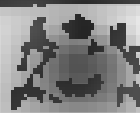


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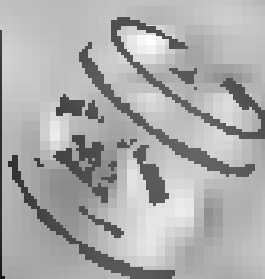
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surplus, who are endeavoring to prepare such a course.

37. Schools For Delinquent Children.

Petitioning the Provincial Government to establish as soon as feasible schools for delinquent and dependent boys and girls. (Passed by U.F.W.A. Convention.)

Reply. No action taken at the last session of the Legislature, but this whole question is being carefully considered by the Government this year.

38. Arbitration of International Disputes.

Urging Parliament and the Government to agree to submit all disputes to conciliation or to arbitration. (Passed by U.F.W.A. Convention.)

Reply. The Government is in sympathy with the spirit of this resolution.

39. Examination of Immigrants.

Recommending that all immigrants should be examined by competent psychiatrists at the port of embarkment and that such examination should be final. (Passed by U.F.W.A. Convention.)

Reply. The Government has no jurisdiction in this respect, but is in sympathy with the spirit of the resolution.

40. Psychopathic Hospitals.

Petitioning the Provincial Government to establish a psychopathic hospital where persons suffering from mental diseases might be examined before being sent to a mental hospital. (Passed by U.F.W.A. Convention.)

Reply. The subject matter of this resolution has been carefully considered by the Government. The difficulty is that such a hospital should be an entirely separate hospital, as it has not been found a successful expedient to build a psychopathic ward in connection with a general hospital. Our difficulty is entirely one of finance, as otherwise we are sympathetic to the resolution.

41. Dissolution of Legislature.

Recommending that subject to the statutory limitation of five years upon the life of Parliament, the Prime Minister shall be under obligation to obtain the sanction of a majority of the House of Commons before advising the Governor-General to dissolve Parliament; and that this be applicable also to the Provincial Legislature.

Reply. No action was taken on this resolution, as it will be some time before dissolution of the House in this Province. The Government respectfully suggests that this resolution requires more consideration than has so far been given it.

42. Poll Tax.

Asking legislation to enable municipalities to levy a poll tax of \$5 per head on all persons over 21 years of age who have resided in the municipality not less than sixty days and whose names do not appear on resident rate-payers on the tax roll of the municipality.

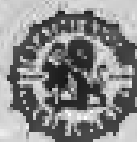
Reply. A committee on taxation and revenue has been appointed at the present time and is considering all matters of this kind, and in particular this matter.

43. Investigation Truck and Taxi Business.

Asking investigation into the position of trucks and the taxi business towards the travelling public, namely, the bonding of drivers, compulsory insurance, Dominion Ticket Sales Tax, and the carrying of the Brand Certificate Book.

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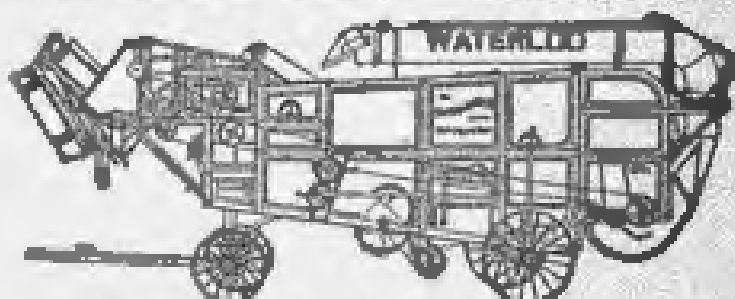
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BRITISH FARMERS

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of 60 shillings a quarter, or about \$1.22 per bushel; 2. A duty on imported malted barley; 3. The compulsory use of 20 per cent. home grown wheat in British loaves; 4. The stoppage of flour imports into Great Britain. British farmers also want a licensing board in order to license imports on competitive products.

"The difficulties of carrying out such a program led the Ministry of Agriculture to concentrate on a great national selling organization scheme along the lines of united marketing already practised in the Prairie Provinces of Canada and in Denmark, where 1,200 Danish acres already produce an annual net profit of £10,000 sterling. In this connection the Ministry proposes the establishment of local village units to collect the products of the farms, then area centres for their transportation to market, and lastly, large town centres for distribution.

"Lord Beaverbrook's newspapers are largely supporting the scheme."

WHEAT POOL STAFF PICNIC

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Another interesting feature was the game of soft ball played by the members of the Board and others. Mr. Chris Jensen slugged the ball like Babe Ruth but was unable to make any home runs as his legs moved very slowly. Mr. Mangies and Mr. Scholesfield were particularly apt at letting the ball pass through their legs when attempting to stop it.

Following the presentation of prizes by Mr. H. W. Wood, after the picnickers had feasted, a dance was held in the pavilion. Mr. Wood, Mr. Scholesfield, Mr. Mangies and other old sports danced practically every number with the young ladies of the Wheat Pool and U.F.A.

BATTLE RIVER

Thirty-eight delegates representing 38 Locals in the constituency participated in the Annual Convention of the Battle River U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Federal Constituency Association held at Wainwright on July 18th. Thirty of the Locals represented were of the U.F.A. and five of the U.F.W.A. Addresses by A. F. Aitken, President of the Association, who outlined the work of the past year; by Mr. Miller, who reported on the recent Calgary Conference on Federal affairs; by H. E. G. H. Scholesfield, Vice-President of the U.F.A., who dealt in an excellent way with the subject of organization; and by Robert Gardiner, M.P., chairman of the U.F.A. group at Ottawa, who dealt with the program of the last session, were features of a most interesting and successful gathering. The Secretary, R. A. Beck, presented the annual report on the finances of the Constituency Association.

Appreciation of Spencer's Work

Proceedings opened with the singing of "O Canada," and the election of Mr. Aitken to the chairmanship by unanimous vote. Mr. Aitken read the full report on the work of the session prepared by H. E. Spencer, M.P., member for the constituency, who is at present in England on a well earned holiday. The Convention adopted the report and directed that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Spencer for the excellent work which he has done during the past year in the House of Commons. This report, which will be found of great value to all members who wish to keep in touch with

Federal affairs, will be published in *The U.F.A.*

During the day a number of important resolutions were discussed by the Convention and adopted. Such of them as concern the organization as a whole will be brought before the next Annual Convention of the U.F.A.

The resignation of R. A. Beck from the position of Secretary of the Battle River Association was presented and accepted with much regret. A resolution of thanks and appreciation for Mr. Beck's valuable services was adopted. The new Executive subsequently appointed Mrs. Dora East, of Vermilion, to the position of secretary.

Officers Elected

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows: the President and Vice-President being elected by acclamation: President, A. F. Aitken, Moyerton; Vice-President, Walter Skinner, Niverton; Directors, C. E. Miller, of Chauvin, for Wainwright; C. Trigg, of Cadogan, for Ribstone; Jas. Dawson, of Kitteroty, for Alexandra; C. East, of Vermilion, for Vermilion.

The Convention closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Farmers Are Asked to Assist in Solving the Labor Problem

Superintendent of Employment Service Writes to Harvest Labor

Editor, *The U.F.A.*

As the harvest season approaches we are concerned as to the supply and demand for labor. Owing to the lateness of the season employment officials feel that the closest co-operation between the farmers and our service is necessary.

Unfortunately, the harvest operations of 1925 and 1926 were seriously hampered by unreasonable weather conditions and consequently, the harvest laborers did not fare very well. When it is realized that at least 60 per cent. of the harvesters are imported for a short season, we appreciate the fact that the experiences of the past two years will be felt this year. Every effort is being made by our service to successfully cope with the situation, but our efforts will not avail much without your co-operation.

I believe all will agree that it is an impossibility for any person to state by the end of July when the crop will be ready to cut or the amount of labor required. In arranging for this season we had to be in a position to make a close estimate of the labor required and the date cutting will commence by July 10th. This is in order that the transportation companies might arrange for the movement of harvest labor.

Change of Plans Made

It will be remembered that during the latter part of July and the first few days of August, 1925, the weather was exceptionally hot and most of our grain ripened very rapidly. It was an unforeseen situation and few farmers were aware of the possible labor shortage. Fortunately, we were able to change our plans and secure sufficient labor to carry on. Last season, a number of men arrived in Alberta a few days before they were required, the farmers would not take them and they drifted to Saskatchewan.

From a close study of this problem in Saskatchewan, I find that the farmers there are usually in a better position with regard to labor than our farmers,

that they complete threshing sooner than we do and appear to have less labor worries than is experienced here. Thousands of men are shipped to Saskatchewan during harvest season and the supply and demand is practically balanced, chiefly by the co-operation of the farmers with the Employment Service. If the harvest laborers should arrive at the villages or small towns a few days ahead of time, the farmers make some mutual arrangements with the men and take them out to the farms. In several instances, I have found that where men have arrived a little previous to harvest in our Province, they have been ignored and have drifted away. Within a few days the same districts have had difficulty in securing labor.

All our endeavors will be exerted toward having the labor arrive as close to the required time as possible. For obvious reasons, we will direct labor to rural points rather than have it congregating in large centers. As most of our labor has to travel from Eastern Canada, it will be understood that the supply of labor cannot be turned on or off at any given moment. Arrangements have been made this year for harvest laborers to commence arriving in the southern part of the Province about August 18th. If we are not prepared to accept this movement it will surely be absorbed by Saskatchewan and in a short time there will be a shortage of labor, causing serious losses and farmers out-bidding each other.

A little attention to this matter now will save a deal of worry in a few weeks. I would suggest that this matter be fully discussed at your next meeting.

Yours truly,

WM. CARNILL, Superintendent.

Alberta Employment Service, Calgary, Alberta.

CLAIRMONT U.F.W.A. HOLD SUCCESSFUL GARDEN FETE

A very delightful garden party was held under the auspices of the Clairmont U.F.W.A. on July 21st last, at "Twin Shacks", the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Bredin, on Bear Lake. The celebration was honored by the presence of Hugh Allen, M.L.A. and his wife and of Mr. and Mrs. Galway, Mayor of the latter of whom is Director of the U.F.W.A. for the Peace River district.

The delightfully quaint and picturesque grounds afforded a splendid setting for the events of the afternoon and evening, which included solos, speeches, musical numbers, and hearty community singing. Mrs. James' Girl Guides opened the programme with a very interesting demonstration of triangular bandaging.

Following supper, the assemblage gathered in front of the "Twin Shacks" for the remainder of the program. Mrs. Fred Smith, of Grande Prairie, who was in charge of the proceedings, succeeded in providing a pleasant and varied entertainment. Every number was of a high order and creditably rendered. Mrs. Galway gave a very helpful talk and Mr. Hugh Allen entertained his hearers with many fascinating reminiscences of the earlier pioneer years in the Peace River district, and ended with a word of commendation and encouragement to the Clairmont Local. The Community Singing, which was interspersed with the other numbers of the program, was a novel feature, and was heartily entered into. The picnic was a further proof of the fine spirit prevailing in the Clairmont Local, and an indication of a healthy and lively organization.

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